(c) The section of National Highway Development project (NHDP) which are being tolled are Panipat-Jalandhar section of National Highway-1 in the State of Haryana and Punjab, Delhi-Agra section of National Highway-2 in Uttar Pradesh, Palsit-Dhankuni section of National Highway-2 in West Bengal, Barwa Adda-Panargarh section of National Highway-2 in Bihar and West Bengal, Bhubaneswar-Jagatpur section of Natioal Highway-5 in Orissa, Vadodara-Surat section of National Highway-8 in Gujarat and Gurgaon-Amer section of National Highway-8 in Haryana and Rajasthan.

(d) Details of economic benefits that would accrue on completion of this project are as under:

(i) Savings in vehicle operating costs

(ii) Faster, comfortable journeys

(iii) Reduced fuel consumption

(iv) Benefits to trade especially in movement of perishable goods

(v) Reduced maintenance costs

(vi) Safer travel

(vii) All round development of areas.

The total estimated employment potential for implementing this project is around 40 crore mandays.

As per World Bank study, a saving of about Rs.8000 crores per year will accrue to the Nation on completion of the GQ.

Construction of Mughal Road in Kashmir

2474. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for resuming the works for construction of Mughal Road from Poonch-Rajouri to shopian in Kashmir the Central and the State Governments have agreed on 50:50 basis expenditure for more than one year; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which the work on this project has not been started so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Central Government has agreed "in-principle' to provide funds to the extent of 50% of the project cost for construction of Mughal Road. The feasibilty study of the project is however under progress by Government of J&K. The estimate of the project has not yet been prepared and submitted to Central Government. The work can be taken up only after sanction of the estimate.

Meeting of National Road Safety Council

2475. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the National Road Safety Council under his Chairmanship was held in June, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b)Yes sir. The meeting of Sixth National Road Safety Council was held on 21st June, 2001. Some of the main recommendations related to:

(i) Provision of refresher training to the drivers particularly those of heavy vehicles;

(ii) Establishment of branch of CIRT, Pune at Jammu;

(iii) Minimum educational qualifications for drivers;

(iv) Setting up of specialized driver training school;

(v) Road Safety Education to be a subject at school level;

(vi) Proper maintenance and fitness of vehicles;

(vii) Improvement in truck and bus body design;

(viii) Poor readability of number plates on vehicles;